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Effective on 12/08/2004. Complete if Known Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818). 10/699,160 (Pat. #7,357,954) Application Number TRANSMIT Filing Date 10/30/2003 (Issued 04/15/2008) For FY 2008 First Named Inventor Kanemoto, Saigeharu **Examiner Name** Mahafkey, Kelly Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 Art Unit 1794 **TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** 130.00 NA20-002 Attorney Docket No. METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply) Check Credit Card ■ Money Order None Other (please identify): Deposit Account Deposit Account Number: 23-0925 \_\_ Deposit Account Name: Wells St. John P.S. For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply) Charge fee(s) indicated below Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee Charge any additional fee(s) or underpayments of fee(s) Credit any overpayments under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. **FEE CALCULATION** 1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES **FILING FEES EXAMINATION FEES** SEARCH FEES Small Entity **Small Entity Small Entity** Application Type Fees Paid (\$) Fee (\$) Fee (\$) Fee (\$) Fee (\$) Fee (\$) Fee (\$) Utility 310 155 510 210 255 105 0.00 Design 210 105 100 50 130 65 0.00 0.00 Plant 210 105 310 160 155 80 0 Reissue 310 155 510 255 620 310 Provisional 210 105 0 0.00 0 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES **Small Entity** Fee (\$) Fee Description Fee (\$) Each claim over 20 (including Reissues) 50 25 Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues) 210 105 Multiple dependent claims 370 185 **Total Claims Extra Claims** Multiple Dependent Claims - 20 or HP = Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$) HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20. 0.00 **Extra Claims** Indep. Claims Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$) - 3 or HP = 0.00 HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3. 3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$260 (\$130 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s). Extra Sheets Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof Fee Paid (\$) Total Sheets (round up to a whole number) x - 100 = / 50 = 0.00 4. OTHER FEE(S) Fees Paid (\$) Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount) 0.00 Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): Request to correct/add Assignee 130.00

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Patent No	7,357,954 B2
Patent Issue Date	April 15, 2008
Application Serial No	1 <i>9</i> 699,160
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Confirmation No	1621
Inventor	Kanemoto, Shigeharu
Assignee\\	Satake Corporation and Riviana Foods, Inc.
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Examiner	Kelly J. Mahafkey
Attorney's Docket No	NA20-002
Title: Process f	or Preparing Instant Rice and Product Thereof

# REQUEST TO CORRECT/INSERT ASSIGNEE ON ISSUED PATENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §3.81(b)

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### Sir/Madam:

Applicant is hereby petitioning to add a missing Assignee to issued Patent No. 7357954, granted April 15, 2008.

The assignment was submitted for recordation as set forth in 37 CFR §3.11 before issuance of the patent. A copy of the assignment, the request for assignment and Notice of Recordation are provided herewith.

The failure to include the correct assignee name on the PTOL-85B was inadvertent.

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Please find provided herewith a copy of the previously-filed Request for Certificate of Correction (and evidence of \$100.00 fee provided with Request).

Please find provided herewith the processing fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.117(h) to accompany this request.

Addition of the missing Assignee to issued Patent No. 7357954 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: \_ 8- 27- 08

Bv:

D. Brent Kenady Reg. No. 40045





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Patent No.: 7,357,954 B2 Application No.: 10/699,160

Inventor(s): Shigeharu Kanemoto

Issued: April 15, 2008

Title: PROCESS FOR PREPARING INSTANT RICE AND PRODUCT THEREOF

Re: Request for Certificate of Correction

Consideration has been given your request for the issuance of a certificate of correction for the above-identified patent under the provisions of Rule(s) 1.322 and/or 1.323.

Assignces' names and addresses (assignment data) printed in a patent, are based *solely* on information supplied in the appropriate space for identifying the assignment data, i.e., item 3 of the Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85B. Granting of a request under 37 CFR 3.81(b) is required to correct applicant's error providing *incorrect or erroneous* assignment data, *before* issuance of a Certificate of Correction, under 37 CFR 1.323 (see Manual of Patent Examining Procedures (M.P.E.P) Chp. 1400, sect. 1481). This procedure is required at any time after the issue fee is paid, including after issuance of the patent.

In view of the foregoing, your request, in this matter, is hereby denied.

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- A. the processing fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.117(h) (currently \$130);
- B. a statement that the failure to include the correct assignee name on the PTOL-85B was inadvertent; and

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KANEMOTO, SHIGEHARU

DOC DATE: 12/25/2003

**ASSIGNOR:** 

WAKABAYASHI, KEISHI

DOC DATE: 12/25/2003

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**ASSIGNOR:** 

MOHINDRA, RANVIR B.

DOC DATE: 12/18/2003

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### ASSIGNEE:

RIVIANA FOODS INC. 2777 ALLEN PARKWAY HOUSTON, TEXAS 77019

SERIAL NUMBER: 10699160

FILING DATE: 10/30/2003

PATENT NUMBER: ISSUE DATE:

TITLE: PROCESS FOR PREPARING INSTANT RICE AND PRODUCT THEREOF

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First Named Inventor/Applicant Name:	Shigeharu Kanemoto
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Assignee Satake	e Corporation and Riviana Foods Inc.
Inventorship	Kanemoto, Shigeharu
Attorney's Docket No	
Title: Process for Prepar	ing Instant Rice and Product Thereof



# REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION OF PATENT FOR APPLICANT'S MISTAKE (37 C.F.R. 1.323)

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Wells St. John P.S.

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Spokane, WA 99201-3828

### Sir/Madam:

It is hereby requested that a Certificate of Correction be issued with respect to Patent No. 7357954, granted April 15, 2008, in accordance with the Certificate of Correction form attached hereto.

It is noted that an error appears in this patent of a clerical nature of character, as more fully described below. The error occurred in good faith. Correction thereof does not involve such changes in the patent as would constitute new matter or would require re-examination.

There are two Assignees for this patent; however, only one Assignee is listed on the issued patent. The Assignment was submitted for recordation on March 2, 2004 and is recorded on reel 015047, frame 0367-0371. The patent issued April 15, 2008.

Attached hereto is Form PTO-1050 which is suitable for printing.

Applicant will include the processing fee of \$100.00, as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(a).

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 5-29-08

D. Brent Kenady Reg. No. 40045

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PATENT NO.

7357954

APPLICATION NO.: 10699160

DATED

April 15, 2008

INVENTOR(S) :

Kanemoto, Shigeharu; Wakabayashi, Keishi;

Kendall, John H.; and Mohindra, Ranvir B.

It is certified that an error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On face page of patent, please insert under (73) Assignee:

Riviana Foods Inc., Houston, TX

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John H. KENDALL 3118 Inwood Court, Sugar Land, Texas 77478, U.S.A.; and

Ranvir B. MOHINDRA 519 Longwoods, Houston, Texas 77024, U.S.A.

### **ASSIGNEES:**

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#### RIVIANA FOODS INC.

a corporation organized under the laws of U.S.A., at 2777 Allen Parkway, Houston, Texas 77019, U.S.A.

### **BACKGROUND OF THIS ASSIGNMENT:**

Inventors have conceived certain new and useful inventions disclosed in a United

States patent application titled PROCESS FOR PREPARING INSTANT RICE AND

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ASSIGNEES desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in said inventions and with respect to any Letters Patent that may be granted with respect to the inventions in both the United States and in all foreign countries.

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### THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

In consideration of good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, INVENTORS have sold, assigned and transferred to ASSIGNEES the full and exclusive right to said inventions in the United States and in all foreign countries.

INVENTORS do hereby sell, assign and transfer to ASSIGNEES the entire right, title and interest in the above-identified application executed concurrently with this assignment and to any reissues, divisions or continuations thereof, and hereby authorizes the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue such Letters Patent to ASSIGNEES for the sole use of ASSIGNEES, its successors or assigns.

INVENTORS further agree to execute, at the request and expense of ASSIGNEES such other formal documents as may be required to fully convey the interest transferred herein and will similarly execute any applications papers required for the filing of any division, continuation or reissue of the patent application or resulting Letters Patent; and will generally do everything necessary or desirable to obtain and enforce proper protection for the inventions assigned hereby.

INVENTORS further assign to ASSIGNEES the whole right, title and interest in the inventions disclosed in the application throughout all countries foreign to the United States. ASSIGNEES are hereby authorized to apply for patents relating to the inventions in its own name in countries where such procedure is proper; to claim the benefit of the International Convention; to file and prosecute International Applications relating to the inventions under the Patent Cooperation Treaty; and to file and prosecute applications relating to the inventions under the European Patent Convention. INVENTORS agree to execute applications relating to the inventions in those countries

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